

1. (currently amended) A shielding assembly comprising:
at least first and second elongate members, each of said members joinable together at a common point; and
a shield, movably mountable adjacent said shielding assembly and movable in three dimensions relative to said shielding assembly so as to shield a user of said shielding assembly.

~~a shield for shielding a user of the assembly; and~~
~~a support for supporting said shield, the support including at least one elongate member relative to which said shield is moveably mounted;~~

~~wherein movement of said shield relative to the at least one elongate member, optionally in combination with movement of one or more of said elongate members facilitates three-dimensional movement of the shield about a defined region below said at least one elongate member, said three-dimensional movement including a vertical component, a longitudinal component and a lateral component.~~

2. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein
the first elongate member is pivotally mountable at at least one end thereof; and
said shield is mounted for longitudinal movement relative to said first elongate member.

~~said support includes one elongate member, said shield being mounted for longitudinal movement relative to said elongate member, and wherein said elongate member is adapted to be pivotally mounted at at least one end thereof.~~

3. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 2, wherein
said the first elongate member is pivotally mountable is adapted to be pivotally mounted at both ends thereof.

4. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein
~~said support includes one elongate member, said shield being mounted is mountable~~
for longitudinal and transverse movement relative to said the first elongate member.

5. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein
the first elongate member is fixed, and the second elongate member includes said support includes a fixed member and an articulated arm pivotally mounted to said first

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elongate fixed member, said shield is mountable being mounted for longitudinal movement relative to said articulated arm.

6. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said support includes the first a fixed elongate member is fixed, and the second a moveable elongate member is moveably mounted for longitudinal movement relative to said first fixed elongate member, said shield being mounted for longitudinal movement relative to said second moveable elongate member.

7. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein the first and second said support includes two elongate members are mounted at about 90° to each other, each of said first and second elongate members each being pivotally mounted at each end thereof for longitudinal pivotal movement relative to the other elongate member, said shield being mounted for longitudinal movement relative to each of said first and second elongate members.

8. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, further including at least a third elongate member that forms a frame with the first and second elongate members, wherein said support includes at least three support struts forming a frame; said shield being movably mounted relative to the first, second, and third elongate members adjacent said frame. said struts within or outside the frame.

9. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 8, wherein said shield is mounted within said the frame.

10. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 9 8, wherein said shield is mounted for longitudinal and transverse movement relative to each of the first, second, and third elongate members. said struts.

11. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 10 1, wherein said shield is lockable relative to at least one said elongate member one or more of said struts.

12. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 9 8, further including a wiring system, wherein said shield is hung from said struts within said frame by means of a said wiring system.

13. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said shielding assembly is operable between a collapsed orientation and an assembled orientation, wherein in said collapsed orientation said support includes a pair of concentric members an inner member of which mounts the shield, said concentric members being moveable to an intermediate orientation wherein said concentric members are oriented at about 90° to each other, and from said intermediate orientation to said assembled orientation wherein lower portions of the concentric members are compressed to provide a base for said support, said shield being supported within the support when said assembly is in said assembled orientation.

14. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein at least the first and second elongate members are pivotally mounted and said first elongate member is oriented substantially upright, and further including said support includes a plurality of pivotally mounted elongate members and a pivotally mounted central mounting member extending from a proximal end of said first elongate member, a substantially upright strut, said shield extending over each of said elongate members said support and being movably mounted relative thereto each of said elongate members and being centrally fixedly mounted relative to the said central mounting member.

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15. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, further including wherein said support includes a support strut from which the first having an elongate member extends, extending therefrom, said shield being pivotally mounted relative to a distal end of said first elongate member and including a plurality of laterally extending ridges that which are movably mounted relative to said distal end of said first elongate member.

16. (currently amended) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein the movement of said shield and at least one said elongate member defines a region beneath said shield having a shape selected from a group consisting of hemispheroidal and hemiellipsoidal. optionally said one or more elongate members defines a substantially hemispheroidal or hemiellipsoidal region beneath the shield.

17. (new) A shield assembly according to claim 13, wherein in said collapsed orientation said shield assembly support includes a concentrically oriented pair of members mounted moveably such that in an intermediate orientation said pair of members are oriented at about 90° to each other, said shield being mounted adjacent the an inner member of said pair of members, which mounts the shield, said concentric

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~~members being moveable to an intermediate orientation wherein said concentric members are oriented at about 90° to each other, and from said intermediate orientation to said wherein in an assembled orientation wherein lower portions of the concentric said pair of members members are compressed to provide a base for said assembly, support, said shield being supported within said assembly the support when said assembly is in said assembled orientation.~~

18. (new) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said shield is moveably mountable adjacent said assembly at a region lower than said common point.

19. (new) A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said shield is moveably mountable adjacent said assembly at a region higher than said common point.

20. (new) A shielding assembly according to claim 8, wherein said shield is mounted above said frame.